



Jackson County Planning Department

Memorandum

To: Don Adams, County Manager

From: John Jeleniewski; Planning Department

CC: Heather Baker, County Attorney

Date: 3/4/2020

Re: Five Forty Broadcasting Company – New WRGC Tower

Mr. Adams,

Five Forty Broadcasting (applicant) is proposing to construct an AM radio tower 199' in total height (196' tower structure, 3' concrete base) on property owned by Roy and Janice Burnette (owner of Five Forty Broadcasting) located at 928 Rufus Robinson Road, Dillsboro, NC; property identified by PIN 7632-44-1567. I have attached a site plan for reference. Also, the applicant is requesting the following ordinance requirements/standards be waived by the Board of Commissioners. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Applicants Waiver Request:

- *The applicant is requesting a waiver from the Board of Commissioners for a tower height above 180' (199' total).*
- *The applicant is requesting a waiver from the Board of Commissioners for the fall zone area to encroach on the adjacent property (148.90' +/-) owned by the applicant.*
- *The applicant is requesting a waiver from the Board of Commissioners for permit application fee of \$5,000.*
- *The applicant is requesting a waiver from the Board of Commissioners for the required landscape buffer surrounding a new wireless facility/compound. The subject property is moderately wooded with existing deciduous hard wood and evergreen trees, however, due to proposed grading and the required grounding array, existing vegetation will be removed leaving a natural vegetative buffer just beyond the buried grounding wires.*

